

The Pocahontas Times

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M. C. Canterbury, a farmer of Pittsburgh, was reading a paper the other morning containing an account of the war in Mexico, when his glass eye exploded.

The peccant humors of Huerta are both hard to stand and understand. Sometimes he seems to be acting like he wanted the United States to take charge of him for fear of a worse fate at the hands of Villa. Sometimes a person seeks the safety of a jail to be saved from a mob.

Vernon C. Champe, a talented lawyer of Fayette county, is in the race for the Democratic nomination for Congress, together with Adam Littlepage, of Kanawha, Preston and Dice of Greenbrier, and possibly the versatile Bill Sawyers, of Summers. Pocahontas has no candidate but will naturally fall in with Greenbrier when that the greatest Democratic county of the district, decides which one of its candidates will be presented to the convention.

Judge Dice decided the case of C. P. Dorr vs. the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Company at the recent term of the court. This case has been pending since 1907. In 1900 there was a condemnation proceeding by the Greenbrier Railway Company as to 25 acres of Dorr's Clover Lick farm for a right of way. The commissioners had fixed the damages and the money was paid into court. Dorr had demanded a jury but before a jury passed on it, he met the railway officials and compromised the case by making a deed for the land in exchange for a pass over the passenger trains for life. The money in court was paid back to the railway company and the pass issued to Dorr for several years. Then came the passage of the Heggburn act limiting the classes of persons to whom railroad passes might be issued, and this pass was one that came within the prohibited class. The pass being refused Dorr sued for specific performance of his contract, asking as alternate relief that if that was denied that the deed that he had made be cancelled on account of the failure of consideration. The court held that the pass could not be issued on account of the law, but that the deed should be cancelled, and it was so ordered. The railway company gave notice of appeal.

They have finally raked up the speech by Taft on the canal tolls delivered in Canada last January. In that speech Mr. Taft said: "The idea of Congress in passing the bill and my idea in signing it was that we were thus giving a subsidy to our coast-wise ships between New York and San Francisco, and Boston and Seattle." That looks like a plain statement of facts by a clear headed man. Why O'Gorman and the others who talk so much about flags and sovereignty cannot see it is more than we can make out. In Webster County last week, the Democrats had a big convention and they were able to see it, and they passed a resolution asking for a repeal of the law exempting the shipping companies from paying tolls. Those people have an interest in the canal and no interest in coast-wise vessels. They could see that it was a subsidy. But there are none so blind as those who will not see. We heard a tale lately which was new to us but which may not be new to you. We think it bears remotely on the subject. It is related that there were two lawyers on one side of the case. One old and experienced and one much younger. The old lawyer made a wonderful argument before the court and showed wherein the position that he took was right by the profoundest of logic and sat down. Then came the young lawyer and read a short statute which settled the case. The judge took the view that the statute law covered the case and the point made by the profound argument of the older lawyer and asked him if he did not see it. The famous lawyer said that he did not, but remarked further, that that was nothing. That when the angel of the Lord appeared, that Balaam did not see it, but the ass did.

The prison system of West Virginia is not all it should be. So far as the penitentiary is concerned, it is so much better than the county jails that we have no criticism to make, especially as this great institution is more than self sustaining. The county jails are the ones which are both expensive to the public and a menace to the moral health of the people. The theory of punishment for crime is that having offended against society, the convicted one must serve as a slave to expiate the harm that he has done to the social order, or he must pay money in the shape of a fine which in itself will compensate for the harm done. The

trouble with the county jails is that they cannot be made self sustaining by the labor of the inmates and because the men and boys who are in jail form a kind of an idler's club, in which the worst character impresses his degeneracy upon those who are not so bad. The evil communications of the average jail upon the beginner in crime are something fearful to contemplate. Generally the worst man in the jail is the leader and all that he knows of the evil of life is communicated to the unfortunate boy companions day by day. There are two classes of prisoners in jails as a rule. The natural born criminal, and the boy who is there on account of some drunken act or because the natural folly of youth, and it is the boys who greatly predominate. If a boy is not tough when he gets into jail, he knows what toughness is at any rate before he comes out. There is an effort to get work done on the roads by county prisoners, but our observation is that there is little or no profit in it. So far as we can see, it has been a mere bagatelle in this county compared to the cost of maintaining the jail. It seems to us that there could be built in the State some four or five work houses with all modern improvements as prisons, to which men could be sentenced and graded according to the discretion of the trial court. These prisons could give the unfortunate inmates privacy, instruction, and healthy work, and the money saved, should they be as well managed as the penitentiary is now, would pay for the cost of building and their expenses. The inmates would not be subjected to the pain and humiliation of serving time in the presence of their friends and associates, and their immortal souls would not be jeopardized by company they find in county jails as now conducted. Sheriffs themselves realize the kind of education that goes on within the walls of their respective jails after the doors are locked and the prisoners are left to themselves. We do not believe in making jail too attractive. But we do believe in getting good work from the prisoners. We do not believe in our door camps for convicts. It seems to us that factory work is the proper mode of employment, though we have grave doubts as to contract factory work, where prisoners are apt to be too hard driven by the contractors who wish to squeeze all out of their contracts possible. The difference in the cost of running the county jails and the cost to the State of the penitentiary is too great. There ought to be something done about it for economic reasons, even if the humane side of it does not appeal to our law makers. In the common language of the day men "rot in jail." We never hear that term applied to the penitentiary. We see our acquaintances come back from a term in the pen in far better condition mentally and physically, though the term is longer, than those who come out of jail.

We see by the papers that the Democratic State Committee met at Clarksburg last week and sloughed off its federal office holders and replaced them by men unspotted from the world. The committee consists of one man from each of the fifteen senatorial districts. In this district, Sam Hays was our member and he was appointed collector of the internal revenue. His place went to Lon Kelley, of Braxton. Carl Vance is postmaster at Clarksburg and his place went to somebody from Weston belonging to the permanent population of that city. The State Chairman S. W. Walker, of Martinsburg resigned because he had been appointed district attorney for the northern district. We do not understand that he mistrusted himself, but under the ethics of the New Freedom, it is considered more becoming in federal office holders to retire from the committees. It may be the bridge which carried them over, but it is time for them to let some body else use it.

Hon. C. L. Shaver is the new State Chairman to succeed Mr. Walker. In saying we are pleased with this selection is putting it mildly. We have in him a man who has the infinite capacity for taking pains. Our old friend, Hon. W. M. O. Dawson has nothing on Clem Shaver in industry and faithfulness in looking after details. The new chairman is a Fairmont lawyer and banker. He started right, having been born on a farm. Since then he has accumulated such trifles as banks, coal mines, city property and hosts of friends. The man described by Schleiermacher who could keep silent in seven different languages was a very noisy individual as compared with Shaver. He can walk over new fallen snow and never leave a track. He has the wisdom of the serpent and the gentle disposition of a dove.

We are moved to review some ancient history of the Democratic party as far back as 1908. In April that year the State Committee met at Parkersburg and had a fuss over Bryan. He was getting indorsements from committees in other states and wanted that of West Virginia in his race for President. They argued all day over it. Many prominent men from over the state made speeches for and against it before the com-



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mittee. The argument was on the issue between "Ought not!" and "Why not?" Then there was a bunch of us that went on the theory that what Mr. Bryan wanted was right even if it wasn't right ordinarily. There were men there who spoke with the tongues of men, and others who spoke with the tongues of angels. Finally Col. McGraw, who was the State Chairman and who held the democracy in the hollow of his hand got up and he took for his text "Do not!"

The vote was ten to five for Mr. Bryan. Senator Chilton was sitting on the committee that day as the proxy for the Charleston member and he voted for Bryan.

If we had shot an albatross there couldn't have been more noise made over it than there was over that trifling matter, and the committeemen who had left the reservation found themselves to be very unwelcome at Charleston at the State Convention held in the middle of the summer of that year. There were hot contests in most of the districts and the personelle of the committee changed.

The war was carried into Col. McGraw's own district. The delegates of that district met in the parlor of the Kanawha hotel, and we remember passing by the door while the meeting was going on and seeing an excited body of men and hearing fighting words pass. The result was that Mr. Shaver was elected the member of the committee from the senatorial district composed of the counties of Marion, Monongalia and Taylor and has been a member ever since then. He did not seek the place and was selected solely on account of his standing in the community in which he lived. His election did not affect Mr. McGraw's power in the party and he remained in control that campaign, though there were some stormy meetings of the committee. The committee has ceased its scrapping now and there seems to be peace.

We are glad to see a Marion County man at the head of the party in the State. In that county more than any other of all the counties on the northwestern tier, the leading men of the county have remained steadfast and true to the party during all the lean years since 1794, and we believe that Mr. Shaver will make a popular and effective State Chairman.

HILLIARD, FLORIDA

Editor Times:—Since I last wrote you I have visited old St. Augustine, but not until after the fire had destroyed a part of the oldest part of the city. Some of the streets were still blocked when I was there on the eighth. The Ponce de Leon hotel is one of the finest in America. It covers five acres under one roof, and the rates are from \$5.00 to \$50.00 per day. I went to see old Fort Marion and climbed the old watch tower and took a view of the Atlantic ocean. What a grand sight it is to one who has never seen the ocean. The sand banks along the shore look like snow banks without the cold. The light house stands one and half miles from the city on Anastasia Island, was built by the government in 1871, is 165 feet high, with 33,000 candle power, visible 25 miles at sea. From the top I saw two small ships at sea. On the same island is an alligator farm where they have over 2000 alligators in captivity. The largest one weighs about 500 pounds. When an alligator gets a hold of anything he is hard to make let loose. I saw one have hold of another and the keeper had a pole with a sharp spike in the end of it with which he beat the alligator over the head until it let go. I don't want any of them a hold of me.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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To the Voters of Pocahontas County:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the Office of Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas County, subject to the Republican primary election.
Given under my hand this 7th day of January, 1914.
C. J. McCARTY

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Respectfully,
S. L. BROWN.

To the Voters of Pocahontas County:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Clerk of the County Court of Pocahontas county, subject to the methods adopted by the Republican party for nominating candidates. Your support and influence is solicited.
Yours respectfully,
J. L. BAXTER.

FOR CIRCUIT CLERK
To the voters of Pocahontas County:
I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination for the office of Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic party in nominating candidates.
As I am engaged in school work now and will be for some time, it will not be possible for me to see all the voters of the county, so I shall ask you through the columns of this paper for your support and influence.
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I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Circuit Clerk of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party.
Geo. D. Oliver.
Cass, W. Va., Feb. 23, 1914

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To the Voters of Pocahontas County:
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Very respectfully,
GEO. W. SHARP.

FOR COMMISSIONER
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FOR COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT
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I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Schools of Pocahontas County, subject to the action of the Democratic Party's way of nominating. I promise, if nominated and elected, to serve the people to the best of my ability by devoting all my time to supervision of the schools. Thanking you for past favors and soliciting your support in this election, I am,
Yours Respectfully,
B. B. WILLIAMS.

HOUSE OF DELEGATES
To the Voters of Pocahontas Co.
I am a candidate for the nomination for the House of Delegates, subject to any method adopted by the Democratic party.

I have not been solicited by "many voters" to become a candidate, nor will it be any personal sacrifice to serve the people of my County, if elected, but I have been asked by a few of my good friends to become a candidate. If it is the will of the people of Pocahontas County to elect me to this important office, I shall honestly and conscientiously vote for all measures which I believe to be for the best interests of my County and State, as the light is given me to see my duty. If I can in some degree measure up to the expectations of the intelligent citizenship of Pocahontas County, I will have received all the reward hoped for. It will be impossible for me to see all the voters, and I take this method of asking for the support of all my friends.
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State of West Virginia,
Pocahontas County, to-wit:
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E. F. Arbogast, W. H. Arbogast, C. E. Gladwell, M. C. Lambert and W. A. Gladwell, Guardian of Julian Gladwell, Sadie Gladwell, and Mary G. Gladwell, Plaintiffs
Maggie W. Arbogast, C. O. Arbogast, Julian A. Gladwell, Sadie L. Gladwell and Mary G. Gladwell, Defendants.
The object of the above entitled suit is to recover judgment against the defendants, Maggie W. Arbogast and C. O. Arbogast for breach of covenant of general warranty in a deed conveying 21 1/8 acres of land by deed dated January 16th, 1907, to Sadie J. Arbogast, to attach the estate of Maggie W. Arbogast and C. O. Arbogast in 1 1/2 acres of land in the Greenbank district of Pocahontas county, West Virginia, and sell said land to satisfy such judgments as may be recovered.
This day came the plaintiffs by their attorney and upon his motion and it appearing by affidavit filed in this cause that Maggie W. Arbogast and C. O. Arbogast are non residents of the State of West Virginia, it is therefore ordered that they do appear here within one month after the date of the first publication hereof and do what is necessary to protect their interest in this suit.
Attest: G. W. SHARP, Clerk.
F. R. Hill, Sol.